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**PEACE IN THE PARKS PROMOTES UNITY, HARMONY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**

INDIANAPOLIS – (May 29, 2009) The City of Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation today launches Peace in the Parks, a new initiative promoting diversity, unity and harmony in our neighborhoods. Indy Parks' Peace Parks Celebrations this summer at Dubarry Park, Brookside Park, Windsor Village Park, Washington Park and Douglass Park feature activities, games, music, movies and more.

Peace in the Parks reinforces the Peace in the Streets movement in which everyone can make a difference by working together on peace initiatives.

"Peace in the Parks emphasizes the positive relationships that can build from encouraging neighbors to come together to promote harmony," Mayor Greg Ballard said. "Collaborative efforts that engage children and adults to recreate in a peaceful and educational environment will strengthen our neighborhoods and elevate our society to a higher standard of unity and respect for diversity."

The first celebration is 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Dubarry Park, 3698 Dubarry Road. The Peace Park Celebration at Dubarry Park features live music, activities, games, "The Secret Life of Bees" Movie in the Park, and more. All Peace Parks Celebrations are free and open to the public.

"Peace Parks Celebrations are our way of energizing communities to share and promote peace," said Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry. "Peace in the Parks provides programmatic support to the Peace in the Streets campaign to bring people of all ages together to develop a web of human relationships in a creative setting and ultimately strengthen the foundation upon which youth rely for their social development."

Editors Note: Please see attached media kit with specific dates, time, locations and details for each of the five Peace Parks Celebrations for Summer 2009.

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